

## **Town of Salem**

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Staff update - Salem Free Public Library

It is my pleasure to announce that Shannon Henson has been re-assigned from part time Assistant Librarian to Interim Head Librarian at the Salem Free Public Library as of April 6, 2022.

Shannon holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Studies Distance Learning and a Bachelors of Arts Degree in International Relations. She also completed a set list of Young Adult and Children's Literature classes and earned a certificate in Children's Literature.

Shannon has held positions to include; Senior Library Technical Assistant, Library Manager, Reference Librarian, Library Assistant, Library Reference Assistant, Information Assistant and Administrative Assistant. Shannon has extensive library experience at a university, a college and at public libraries to include the Salem Free Public Library, Waterford Public Library and the New London Public Library.

My decision to select Shannon as the Interim Head Librarian was based in part on her strong performance as a Library Assistant at the Salem Free Public Library, the strong recommendations of; our outgoing Head Librarian, the Board Chair of the Salem Free Public Library, the Acting First Selectman and our Director of Human Resources. In addition, I have updated the Friends of the Library Chair and received positive feedback.

Please join me in congratulating Shannon.

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Cc: Finance / Human Resources Director

Chair, Salem Free Public Library Board of Directors

Salem Free Public Library Staff

Interim Head Librarian Shannon Henson

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